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Co-op Nursery

The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is gearing up for its fall opening. Children at the Nursery will enjoy a wide variety of activities and field trips during the year under the direction of Lois Winfield, a former Kindergarten and Head Start teacher.

The group will hold an orientation meeting at 7 p.m. on September 8, 1988, where members will be versed in various aspects of running a co-operative nursery. This meeting is mandatory for new and returning members.

The school has all the equipment for a good, well-rounded program. Classes will begin on September 12, and will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for the pre-kindergarten classes. Morning sessions are from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and afternoon sessions are from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. The classes for three-year-old children will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The classroom is in the Miller Elementary School at 18955 Hannan Road, New Boston.

Applications are being accepted for children between two-and-one-half and six years of age. The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery is a non-profit, non-discriminatory organization. For further information, please call 753-9748 or 753-4648. □

Girl Scout News

The following information on the upcoming events for the Barth-St. Aloysius-Wick Cluster was provided by Alyse Foley, Troop Services Director for those three schools.

The Adult Cluster Meeting for the month of August will be held Wednesday, August 24, at St. Aloysius at 9:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

Registration Roundups will be held at the following schools: St. Aloysius (Wednesday, September 7, at 7 p.m. in the Church basement), Barth (Monday, September 12, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria), and Wick (Tuesday, September 13, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria). In addition, the Cadette Senior Registration Roundup will be held on Thursday, September 15, at St. Aloysius in the Church basement at 7 p.m. Please note that a parent *must* be present to register his or her child at all roundups. (Look for more information on future events in the next issue of *The Romulus News*.) □

Chief Wins Battle at Little Bighorn

See story on page 10



THE EDITOR'S OPINION



by D. A. Atkins

Registered voters will soon have the opportunity to change the length of an elected official's term of office. On the next school ballot, in June of 1989, there may be a proposed amendment to the City Charter that would extend the term of our city's officials from two years, which is the number presently stipulated by the Charter, to four years.

The reasoning behind this proposal is a belief that, with a four-year term, the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer, and City Council will all be able to get more accomplished because they won't have the distraction of having to campaign for reelection every 18 months or so. It will also give a person who is newly elected to an office enough time to achieve some of his goals after learning the ins and outs of his job. Since it can take these 'rookies' up to two years to fully understand all of the relevant aspects of City government, and so be able to vote and make decisions intelligently, they need that extra two years to make use of their newly acquired knowledge. That gives them enough time to demonstrate to the community whether or not they can do the job they promised to do.

Those officials who are returning to office after having served at least one other term can also use the time to increase their contributions to the City. Since many of the goals set by government cannot be accomplished

overnight, an extended term of office will keep officials from having to put their long-term projects on the back burner in order to campaign for reelection, and so be able to finish what they began.

There is also the recall aspect of it. As I have stated in other issues of this paper, if a person is not doing his job, or is involved in something that is 'less than upper-handed,' then it is almost impossible to recall that person in a term that is only two years long. Time just does not permit it.

A third reason for a four-year term is the amount of money that taxpayers would save by not having to pay for an election every two years. Since the cost of an average election is usually between \$12,000 and \$25,000, the amount saved would be significant.

There are, of course, disadvantages to four-year terms, but I feel that they are too negligible to outweigh the possible benefits.

There are some, both city officials and residents, who are apprehensive about putting this proposal on the ballot; therefore, I would like all of you who are interested in this important issue to complete the form below and send it back to *The Romulus News*, letting us know your feelings on the subject. (Please: only those who are currently registered voters, or who will be registered voters by the election, should fill out this form.) □

YES! We Do Need Four-Year Terms!

Teen Health Meeting

The next meeting of the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee is Thursday, August 25, at 2:30 p.m. at the Romulus Community Schools Administrative Office Building, 36540 Grant Road. The meeting is open to the public. Please call 941-1600, extension 23, for more information. □

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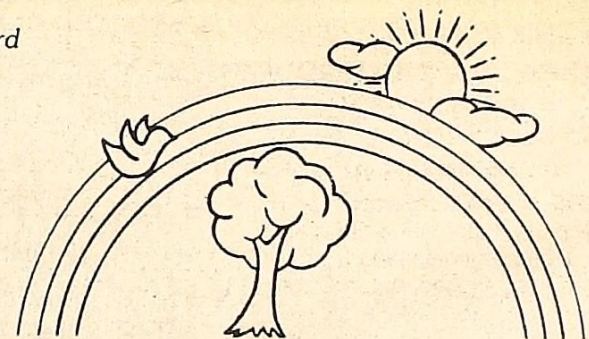
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Curfew Violators

by D. A. Atkins

Sometimes it seems like I have to write stories about the same old things too often before the problems I address are taken care of.

The curfew problem has gotten worse since the last time I wrote about it, and I wonder where the parents of the curfew-violators are. It is against the law for children of certain ages to be on the streets after 10 or 11 p.m. Parents know that — articles on the subject have appeared in both this paper and others — but the problem remains.

The police do their job when called, but there is only so much they can do; besides, police officers have so many other crucial responsibilities that it is a waste of their limited time and manpower to have them doing a job that is really the obligation of the parents. It is the parents' responsibility to see that their children are in their own homes after curfew hours, not out on the streets causing problems throughout the City.

It is important for parents to remember that they, as well as their children, can be ticketed, or even jailed, for the actions of those children. Kids are expected to obey the laws of the land; when they don't, their parents can be held responsible, since parents are supposed to supervise their children. When laws are broken, someone has to pay the price.

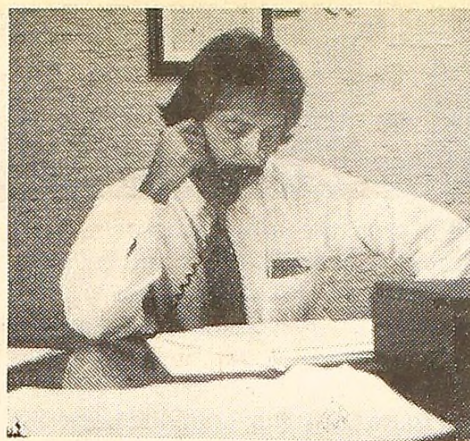
If that's true, however, then it seems to me that new laws should be created to protect the parents by allowing them to enforce their household rules. Lately, there has been 'much ado' about children's rights, and the result is a real conflict for many parents; it is sometimes difficult for them to uphold laws that, in one paragraph, require them to make their children be obedient but, in

the next paragraph, stipulate all kinds of regulations about how they can and can't discipline their children.

Recently, there has been another outbreak of minors buying beer and staying out until all hours of the night and early morning, but nothing is being done about it. The police pick them up and then call the parents, asking them to come and pick up their children, but the parents often refuse to do so. What are the police supposed to do?

The City of New York has made some hard decision about its youth problems, and its people are determined to follow through with what they have set out to do. New York has decided to let the punishment fit the crime. Brooklyn's District Attorney and the New York City Transit Authority have initiated a work program which presses graffiti-artists into clean-up crews when apprehended. Usually, first-time offenders would not be sentenced in court but, because of this new alternative restitution program that was started in 1982, the kids are getting the message. To date, over 3,000 kids have been arrested for creating graffiti, and together they have cleaned over 2,700 subway stations.

Since we have such a problem with juveniles being out past curfew and hanging out at party stores, pizza parlors, shopping malls, and the like, plus buying beer illegally, maybe we could start a program where, if you are arrested for a curfew violation, you would be made to clean up parking lots, scrub graffiti off walls, clean fire engines, wash police cars, cut grass, or shovel snow. Maybe, by the time the curfew violators finished their first tour of duty cleaning up things, they would be too tired to violate curfew again. □



by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

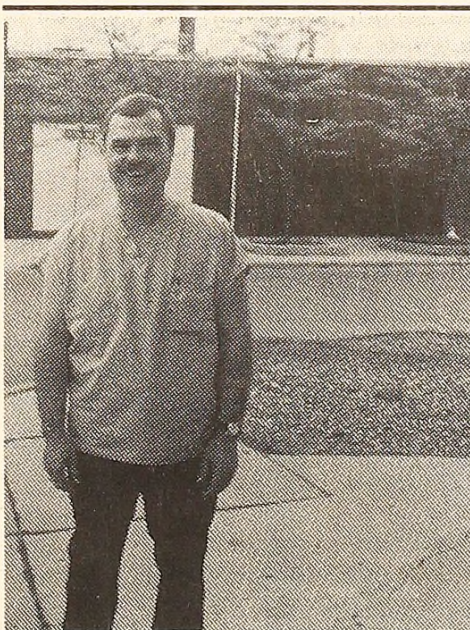
Q. When should I be able to take possession of my home after closing on a land contract?

A. The date of giving possession is usually dictated by the purchase agreement. If the land contract doesn't specifically provide for this, the purchaser might be denied possession until the completion of the obligations under the contract. The seller may seek to delay possession until after closing if the seller needs additional time to vacate the premises; however, the purchaser usually receives possession on or before the date of closing.

Q. What does the term "waste" mean in my land contract?

A. Waste simply means that neither party may do anything to harm the premises which are the subject of the contract.

If you have a legal question that you would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to answer your question in this paper's next issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □



On Lists

by Tom Shamanski

Psst . . . I'm a list-aholic. There! I've publicly 'fessed up. By gosh, I do feel better, but I also feel a need for some sort of support-group for compulsive listers. I suspect there already may be such a group, as I further suspect I'm not alone in this devilish compulsion.

I could not survive life itself without my lists. I've lists for everything; they vary from listing the three items I'll surely forget by the time I get to Farmer Jack's to the four reasons I should learn

to 'Twist' before my twister becomes atrophied from chronic disuse.

In a sealed bank vault somewhere, I've listed what my family and friends should do in case:

(a) I become catatonic while watching *I Love Lucy* reruns for eight consecutive hours;

(b) The bird of paradise actually does fly up my nose;

(c) I disappear late one balmy night. This occurs after I dart outside to investigate what sounds like excited, high-pitched, feminine giggling noises (*do nothing . . . I'm all right!*);

(d) I'm trampled by a camel and three llamas while rollerskating across the street to get a better view of the Goodyear Blimp.

And you thought you were a listing fool. I'm actually getting a bit scared of all this nonsensical listing. I may be losing it! ('Compulsive listing' is number four on my list of what will probably drive me crazy.)

This is embarrassing to admit, but I've actually listed events that will never happen. Clever, eh? I call it 'My List of Things No One Will Ever Say to Me.'

Number one on this hit parade is, "Gee, Tom, you've got to be the world's greatest electrician. There's nothing you can't fix." The sad truth is there's nothing electrical I can fix. It's not that I haven't tried . . . honest! But, to me, messing around with anything electrical is like telling Hulk Hogan he's a puny runt with a fake tan. Dangerous . . . very dangerous.

Electrical stuff seems downright sinister. I can easily envision billions of deadly volts ramrodding their way through my rigid body. All this as I lay face down next to the toaster-oven. It calls for a better man than me.

The second thing I'll never hear is, "I never knew you were such a great cook, Tom." Does preparing Hamburger Helper qualify as cooking? If so, I'm in deep-dish trouble here, too. As I recall, the instructions read, "Add browned hamburger to pan and stir." Sounds easy enough, right? I spent 45 minutes searching for brown hamburger. All we had was red. I've since been clued in and it all seems rather embarrassing now. I wonder why it's said all the great chefs are men?

"I heard you were a mathematical whiz in school." Yep, number three on the never-hear list. Actually, I did fairly well in math . . . in high school. College was another story. My first semester I jumped into "Calculus and Analytical Geometry." Whew! What a shocker! I was forced to plea-bargain with the instructor to pass. He promised to pass me if I'd promise never to take another math course. I did and he did. Curtain falls on brilliant mathematical career.

Last on my never-hear list is, "Tom, how do you keep yourself so fit and trim?" I really don't want to talk about this one. Instead, I feel suddenly compelled to start a new list — this of things to do to lose weight. When I finish the list, I'll start right in . . . probably next week sometime. After all, folks, it takes awhile to compile a good list. □

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Weight Control

This reprint from Biomedical Information Corporation's Compendium of Patient Information was submitted by J. H. Barden, D.O.

General Considerations

In a world in which the majority of people do not get enough to eat, it is somewhat ironic that being overweight is the number one nutritional problem in the United States today. An estimated 25 million Americans are considered obese, meaning that they are 20% or more above the ideal weight for their height, build, age and sex.

Causes

Why some people become overweight and others remain slim, even while appearing to eat more than their obese peers, is not fully understood. It would seem that weight gain and loss are matters of simple addition and subtraction: When more calories are consumed than the body requires, weight goes up; when more are burned than consumed, weight goes down.

Unfortunately, however, weight control is more complex than simple arithmetic makes it appear. Genetics, metabolism, socioeconomic status and modern technology all are important factors in weight control. Studies have found that today the average American actually eats less than his or her counterpart did in 1900, but is more apt to be overweight thanks to modern technology and work-saving devices that not only save human labor, but also reduce our calorie requirements.

Moreover, inactivity compounds the problem of weight control because people tend to eat more when they are sedentary. Recent studies suggest that exercise helps regulate the brain's appetite control center, which means an inactive person may have more trouble controlling his appetite than someone who adheres to even a moderate exercise program.

Although inactivity and overeating account for most weight problems, a person's physiology may also play a role. New research, for example, has confirmed what many obese individuals have long claimed: They do not necessarily eat more food than slim people, they just burn it up more slowly. This is particularly true of people who go on crash or semi-starvation diets — they may lose weight at first, but the body adjusts by lowering its metabolism. As a result, they actually require fewer calories to maintain a normal weight than before. This phenomenon is even more apparent in repeat dieters, which explains why many dieters tend to regain some weight even if they stay within normal caloric consumption.

Hazards

An extra four or five pounds has no effect on health. But an extra 20, 30 or 40 pounds poses numerous and well-documented dangers. Obese people have higher rates of diabetes, high

blood pressure, arteriosclerosis, heart attacks, kidney disorders and gallbladder disease. Not coincidentally, they also have a higher premature death rate. Because of the added burden that excess weight puts on the musculoskeletal frame, arthritis, gout and back disorders are also more common among the obese.

Diagnosis

At any given point in time, millions, perhaps tens of millions, of Americans are dieting. And while most of them will be healthier and happier without the extra pounds they are trying to shed, America's obsession with slimness has also produced a troubling paradox. Even people who don't need to diet often try to shed a few pounds. Usually, although not always, the chief victims of this mania are women and, more often than not, they are endomorphic. Naturally round, with a higher fat-to-muscle ratio, endomorphs tend to look slightly pear-shaped even at their ideal weight. No amount of weight reduction can change that basic shape. But since the current ideal is to look like fashion-magazine models (who, as ectomorphs, tend to be tall and thin), many endomorphs spend a great deal of time and energy trying to diet themselves into a different body type, which is impossible.

How can you tell if you are overweight? In most instances, an honest look at your unclothed body in a full-length mirror will give the answer. Insurance weight tables, which give the ideal weight adjusted for age, sex, build and height, are a further checkpoint. However, the true test lies in the ratio of body fat to lean (muscle and bone) tissue. A heavy-boned, very muscular person (for example, a professional football player) may weigh far more than the ideal weight listed on an insurance table, yet not be overweight because he has relatively little body fat. The amount of body fat can be determined most accurately by weighing a person submerged in water. The use of a special caliper to measure the layer of fat just below the skin is another way to estimate a person's body fat.

Treatment

For people who need to lose weight, there are literally hundreds of diet plans available. *No one should undertake a drastic diet that markedly changes food consumption or eating habits without first consulting a doctor.* The most successful and medically sound diets are those that reduce caloric intake, but still allow a healthy variety of foods, and at the same time alter eating habits and exercise levels to help ensure that the weight is not regained. Fad or crash diets that specify eating a very limited number of foods (the rice, grapefruit or liquid protein diets are recent examples) may help shed pounds quickly, but are likely to fail because they don't help people alter long-term eating habits.

Some diets are built on gimmicks, many of which are health hazards. Diet pills that contain amphetamines or other stimulants and liquid protein and other food substitution diets are but a few examples of dieting trends that may be dangerous.

Behavioral Modification

Whatever the cause of obesity, the way to lose extra pounds and maintain normal weight is to modify one's eating habits. Behavioral modification includes learning to eat slowly and only at definite times during the day. Portion sizes are scaled down and alternate ways of dealing with stress are devised. However, behavioral programs are complicated and often require the assistance of a therapist.

Exercise

Many people believe that moderate exercise is of little value in weight loss, but this has been disproved by a number of studies. In addition to helping control appetite, exercise consumes calories that, over a period of time, results in a loss of weight. For example, there are 3,500 calories in a pound of subcutaneous fat. A brisk 12- to 13-minute walk burns 100 calories; therefore, if a dieter who normally consumes and burns 2,500 calories a day begins walking 12 minutes a day, he will lose a pound a month, or 12 pounds in the course of a year. Walking 24 minutes a day will increase the loss to more than two pounds a month, or 26 pounds a year. Increased exercise also helps overcome the body's tendency to 'slow down' in response to reduced intake of food, an effect that often hinders a dieter's efforts to maintain a weight loss.

Also important is the rate at which pounds come off. Weight that is lost slowly is likely to stay off, while quick weight losses are likely to be regained. For most dieters, two to three pounds a week is a realistic goal. Those who seek to lose more should do so only under a doctor's supervision.

Summing Up

Millions of Americans are overweight, and millions of others are constantly trying to lose 5 or 10 pounds, even if they don't really need to. Dieting

without the guidance of a physician or other qualified health professional can be both futile and hazardous to your health. By the same token, chronic overweight can also lead to serious health problems and premature death. The goal of any dieter should be a gradual loss of weight and changes in eating habits that will help maintain normal weight throughout life. □

DESIRABLE WEIGHTS

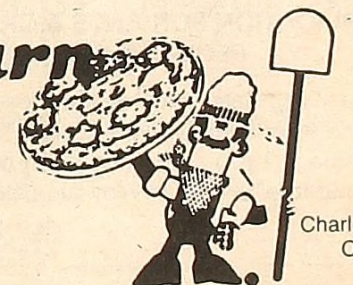
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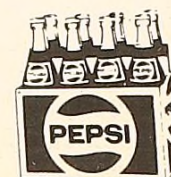
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SCHOOL SPORTS 'N' NEWS

Romulus Girls Earn Respect at National Softball Competition

The Griffins/Sportsbench 15-and-Under Fastpitch Team from Taylor finished its summer season with what proved to be one of the greatest experiences that many of the girls have ever been a part of. After finishing second or third the past three years, and just missing the Junior Olympic Nationals by one game each year, this year they qualified.

"We didn't know what to expect from either the ceremonies or the competition, but we were excited to finally be there," stated Coach Fred Coleman. "Our girls were in awe, at first, of the beautiful fields and the size of the girls in the tournament. I thought our team was big, but we were just average at that level."

Winning their first game really helped, as it set a level of competition for the girls, and they knew what they were going to have to do to be successful down in Atlanta. The first game was against Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and Griffins took the lead early, 1-0, only to see it disappear quickly to the fine hitting of the Minnesota State Champion team. Trailing 4-1 going into the fifth inning, the girls woke up and realized that, if they did what they did best, they could win some games and do really well as a first-time team in the Nationals. With the excitement and the tension gone, their bats woke up, and they scored one in the fifth and one in the sixth. Later, with two outs, Michele Scarrow, Romulus's freshman stand-



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Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, June 27, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, June 27, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed Members Bales and Langley absent. All Administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Approval of the Agenda:

6/88/15 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Public Hearing - S.E.V.:

Administrator Carr discussed S.E.V. with audience and Board Members. Meeting recessed at 7:17 P.M. and was called back to order at 7:30 P.M. (Members Langley and Bales entered the meeting at 7:30 P.M.)

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

6/88/16 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley the Board approve the Minutes of June 8 and June 15, 1988, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Joann Bjork spoke on parent volunteers at Halecreek School. A letter was received from the Romulus Historical Society.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

A. Leave of Absence: Mary Anderson, Sec'y - Jr. High/Spec. Serv., Travel Leave, 1988-89 school year; and Corlette Person, Prog. Ass't. - Beacon, Prof. Improv. Leave, 1988-89 school year. **B. Leave of Absence - Extension:** Diane Milligan, Security Guard - Sr. High, Ed. Leave, 1988-89 school year.

6/88/17 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board of Education approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/88/18 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board approve the Resolution to lay off Instrumental Music Teacher Sandra Godbout for the 1988-89 School Year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/88/19 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board approve the Resolution to lay off the following Technical Aides for the 1988-89 School Year: Delores Chadwick, James Darnell, Clinton Fox, Janet Hines, Kathleen Schutte, Phillip Slaughter, and Teri Winger. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

6/88/20 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Barth P.T.A. Matching Donation

6/88/21 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and accept a gift of \$2,764.00 for curtains and drapes for Barth School's P.T.A. and further that \$2,764.00 be allocated from next year's 1.5 mill to match. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Teen Health Clinic Resolution

6/88/22 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the Resolution of support for the Romulus Adolescent Health Advisory Committee as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Partnerships in Education Report

Mr. Ed Clark made a report on the progress of Partnerships in Education.

Report on Yearbook

Dr. Bedell made a report on this item. The public and Board Members made comments.

6/88/23 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board hold payment for the high school yearbook and seek legal action. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Summer Buses

6/88/24 Moved by Bales supported by King the Board remove from the table the Item "Summer Recreation" from the meeting of May 23, 1988. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/88/25 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board approve the use of Romulus school buses by the Summer Recreation Program; however, if millage fails this would be the last year the buses could be loaned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Berlinn). Motion carried.

Graduation Credit Changes

6/88/26 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and reduce the hours needed for graduation from 23 hours to 22 hours effective with the incoming eleventh graders; that is, the Class of 1990. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Kesner). Motion carried.

Court Program - Adult Education

6/88/27 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board table this item until a later date. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

High School Attendance Policy

Discussion was had regarding this item.

Approval of Bus Wash Bids

6/88/28 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board of Education accept the recommendation of our architect to let a contract with Erectors II Construction Co. of Southfield for \$111,828 for construction and equipping the Bus Wash addition. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Bales - lack of Committee report). Motion carried.

Purchase School Store Equipment

6/88/29 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Vocational Education Director and Assistant Superintendent to purchase the equipment listed on the attachment presented for the School Store. This equipment will be purchased from Spring Arbor Fixtures at a cost not to exceed \$8,735.39. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Insurance Pool/By-Laws

6/88/30 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Berlinn the Board of Education adopt the resolution and by-laws presented for our new insurance pool. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Finance Minutes and 2) Election Scheduling Letter - August 2, 1988.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

6/88/31 Moved by Berlinn supported by Bales Mr. Michael Woods be appointed to the Finance Committee. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/88/32 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board send a letter to Romulus News complimenting the coverage for this school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session - Negotiations

6/88/33 Moved by Berlinn supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:05 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:53 P.M.

Adjournment:

6/88/34 Moved by Berlinn supported by Kesner the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

ROMULUS GIRLS EARN RESPECT

out of last season, blasted a single off of the pitcher's leg and brought home the winning run for their first win in the National Tournament.

Michele's solid play at third base, along with that of Romulus's Varsity pitcher, Jennifer Daniel, at shortstop, led the defense of the Griffins throughout the game and helped to capture the 5-4 finish.

The second game was with Orange County Junior Express out of Southern California.

"We knew, going into the Nationals, that California, Texas, and Florida always have the powerhouse teams," said Coleman, "and, going on to Thursday's game, we knew we had our hands full. I really think the 11-4 result was partly

their great ability and our being tired. The girls didn't sleep much for the first few days, and I think it caught up with them in this game. We made nine errors, and this team just doesn't do that. Then again, we had never played the two-time National Champions before, either, and, believe me, those girls knew what they were doing."

After a good night's sleep and a little release of the frustrations caused from being away from home for five days, the girls came out on Friday and took on the Washington State Champion, Shaw Orchard, and, behind the excellent pitching of Gibraltar Carlson, pitcher Lynda Weichel, and the excellent defense this team is noted for, the girls fought off Shaw for a 3-1 victory.

"The plays we made in this game were phenomenal. Our catcher, Nicole Wolfe (of Southgate), and our second baseman, Sarah Mason (of Taylor Kennedy), did an excellent job making run-saving plays, one after another," said Coach Coleman, "but the defensive player of the game was Romulus shortstop/pitcher Jennifer Daniel. I don't know what fired her up for this game, but they couldn't get a ball by her. Jen is an excellent player who is only going to get better in the next few years, and she sure picked a good time to get a hot glove for us."

Coleman continued, "Our last ball game may have been the best game of the summer. We drew the Silver Streaks out of Houston, Texas, and everything

we heard was positive. They had finished as runners-up last year in the Nationals, and we heard they had a pitcher who was 'out-of-sight.'

"I have to give our girls credit because they knew they had their hands full, but not one of them panicked or became scared. I think these girls began to believe in themselves this weekend. We won 42 out of 49 games this year, and they didn't do it by accident!"

The final score . . . 1-0 . . . Silver Streaks in 12 innings. What a game! In commenting on the emotional impact of the game, Coach Coleman said, "It is hard to describe the excitement, the noise of the 500 or so people watching, and the poise and ability of our girls in

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Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Statutory Meeting, July 11, 1988

The Statutory Meeting of the Romulus Community Schools held on Monday, July 11, 1988, was called to order by President Patterson at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Patterson.

Organization of Board:

Dr. Bedell asked for nominations.

Nominations opened for the Office of President:

Moved by Langley supported by King to nominate Member Berlenn and moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson to nominate Member Patterson. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of President was closed. Roll call vote showed: 4 (Berlenn); 3 (Patterson). Member Berlenn elected President by majority vote.

Nominations opened for the Office of Vice President:

Moved by Bales supported by Patterson to nominate Member Wilkerson and moved by Langley supported by Berlenn to nominate Member King. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Vice President was closed. Roll call vote showed: 4 (Wilkerson); 3 (King). Member Wilkerson elected Vice President by majority vote.

Nominations opened for the Office of Secretary:

Moved by King supported by Patterson to nominate Member Bales. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Secretary was closed. Member Bales elected Secretary by majority vote (7-0).

Nominations opened for the Office of Treasurer:

Moved by King supported by Berlenn to nominate Member Langley and moved by Wilkerson supported by Bales to nominate Member Kesner. There being no other nominations, the nomination for the Office of Treasurer was closed. Roll call vote showed: 4 (Kesner); 3 (Langley). Member Kesner elected Treasurer by majority vote.

Designation of Depositories:

7/88/1 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Bales the Board of Education name Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit and Security Bank & Trust to continue as primary depositories and that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent of Schools continue to have the authority to sign authorizing documents requiring two of the five actual signatures or facsimile signatures. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Schedule of Meetings:

7/88/2 Moved by Kesner supported by King the Board of Education of the Romulus Community School District schedule their meetings as per the schedule presented (and amended due to election) for the 1988-89 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Naming of Auditor:

7/88/3 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board of Education employ the firm of Post, Smythe, Lutz and Ziel to act as auditors for the Board of Education for the 1988-89 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Naming of Attorneys:

7/88/4 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Bales this item be tabled until a later date. Ayes: 3. Nays: 4. Motion lost.

7/88/5 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board of Education employ the firm of Keller, Thoma, Schwarze, Schwarze, DuBay & Katz, P.C. to act as attorneys for the Board of Education for the 1988-89 school year. Ayes: 4. Nays: 3. Motion carried.

Adoption of Previous Policies:

7/88/6 Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board of Education adopt existing policies of the Romulus Community Schools. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adoption of Rules of Order:

7/88/7 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board of Education continue to use as their parliamentary guide, "Robert's Rules of Order", and that Dr. Terrel LeCesne be approved as the Board's Parliamentarian for the 1988-89 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

7/88/8 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Bales, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

Romulus Community Schools

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

Regular Meeting, July 11, 1988

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Community Schools held on Monday, July 11, 1988, was called to order by President Berlenn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlenn.

Approval of Agenda:

7/88/9 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

Commander Marvin reported on activities of N.J.R.O.T.C.

Dick Kruse presented the school with a video tape of the Band's performance at Epcot Center in Florida. A reprint of the *Romulus News* coverage and videos were made by Mr. Patrick, a parent volunteer.

Personnel Actions

There were no Personnel Actions at this meeting.

Bills for Payment

7/88/10 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Bales the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Memberships - 1988/89

1. Michigan Association of School Boards

7/88/11 Moved by Bales supported by Wilkerson the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the District to the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 1988/89 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

2. Michigan High School Athletic Association

7/88/12 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and join the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the 1988/89 School Year by adopting the Resolution presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Alternate Sentencing Program

Dr. Bedell made a report on the Alternate Sentencing Program and housing of same. Many community members asked questions and made comments.

Consensus: "No" on Mt. Pleasant (Langley, Kesner, Wilkerson, Bales, Berlenn and King). Member Patterson undecided.

Discussion of Parent Volunteers

Dr. Bedell reported on legal problems with parent volunteers.

Review of Yearbook Problem

Discussion was held with the Board and members of the community.

Appointment of Athletic Director

7/88/13 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board authorize the posting of Athletic Director position. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Dolan Letter - Student of the Month; 2) Dun Letter on State Aid; 3) Huron Ballot Language; 4) Terry Bird Letter on Professional Development; 5) R.O.T.C. Letter of Activities; 6) Metro Bureau Letter; 7) State Deficit Letter; and 8) Teen Health Center Budget and Billings.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

7/88/14 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board send a letter of "thanks" to Dan Hurst for his efforts with the Student of the Month Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

7/88/15 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board send a letter of "thanks" to Tim Marvin for his efforts with the N.J.R.O.T.C. Program. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session - Negotiations

7/88/16 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Patterson the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:50 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:24 P.M.

Adjournment:

7/88/17 Moved by Kesner supported by Bales the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

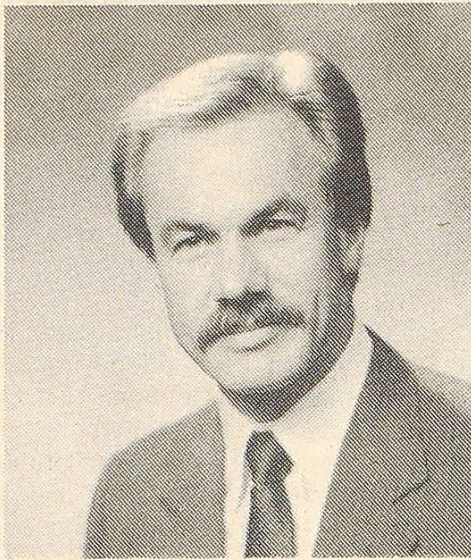
The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel R. Bales, Secretary

Romulus Board of Education

KOSTEVA'S REPORT



James Kosteva, State Representative, 37th District

New Law Clarifies Lottery Inheritance

A new law specifies that, if a State lottery winner dies before collecting the full amount of the prize, the remaining money will be paid directly to the surviving spouse and children, unless the prize winner specifies otherwise. Prior to this, lottery winnings had to be paid to a deceased prize-winner's estate, which had to go through probate court proceedings before survivors could receive the prize money.

Law Bans Inmate Furlough To Ease Prison Overcrowding

A new State law will prevent early

releases of prisoners solely to alleviate prison overcrowding. Under the law, State prisoners will only be allowed supervised furlough to visit a critically ill relative or attend a relative's funeral, to work or receive training, or for specialized medical treatment.

State Budget Includes Agricultural Drought Relief

The recently approved Michigan Department of Agriculture budget includes several hundred thousand dollars to help State farmers and their families recover from this year's devastating drought. Programs supported by the special appropriations will also help farmers improve their operations for future expansion.

Law Establishes Greater Penalties for School-Yard Pushers

A new law increases the jail terms and fines faced by adults convicted of dealing drugs around schoolchildren. Penalties are doubled for possession of marijuana, cocaine, and other controlled substances on school property. An adult convicted of selling drugs in these areas could face up to three times the maximum jail term for drug offenses, and the law authorizes mandatory imprisonment with no probation or suspended sentence for repeat offenders.

Law Requires Evidence Testing for Sexual Crime Victims

A new State law requires hospitals to offer an assault evidence examination to victims of apparent sexual assault. Hospital staff members are required to inform victims of the availability of a State-supplied kit that contains equipment to collect physical evidence necessary to successfully prosecute the assailant.

'Swing Beds' Approved for Eligible Michigan Hospitals

A new State law allows certain Michigan hospitals to implement the Federally authorized 'swing bed' program for Medicare and Medicaid patients who no longer need acute care but still require skilled medical services. Previous licensing law did not allow hospitals to offer both acute care and skilled care. 'Swing bed' programs would be established mainly in smaller rural hospitals, serving communities where nursing-home beds are often not available.

Governor Given Authority To Respond Quickly to Food, Medicine Tampering

Under a new State law, Michigan's governor will be able to respond more quickly and effectively to public health emergencies caused by tampering of food and medicines. The new law gives the governor clear authority to order adulterated products removed from stores and to take other actions. This authority had been fragmented between

various State departments.

New Laws Target Tobacco Smoke

Under new State laws, smoking will be banned in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, and other health-care buildings except in designated places away from patient-care areas. Another new law prohibits smoking in child-care centers and State-run youth homes, and shopping malls will be required to offer non-smoking sections in food courts.

New Regulations Set for Smokeless Tobacco

A new State law requires a warning about the health dangers of smokeless tobacco to be placed on billboards advertising chewing tobacco and snuff. Retailers will also be required to post signs alerting employees and customers that it is against the law to sell tobacco products to minors, and that minors who purchase or use tobacco products will be penalized.

MSHDA Mortgages Available for First-Time Home Buyers

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has \$50 million available State-wide to finance mortgages on new or existing homes for eligible families and for elderly or handicapped individuals. Moderate- and low-income first-time home buyers across Michigan may be eligible for the 8.5%, 30-year mortgages. People who want

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**Many thanks to the following people who
worked so hard:**

Mayor Beverly McAnally

State Representative James Kosteva

State Senator William Faust

The Romulus News

And Especially ... The Citizens of Romulus

Sincerely, Joe Lambert

ROMULUS GIRLS EARN RESPECT

the greatest 'loss' most of them will ever be part of.

"We had two chances to score on this team, and couldn't get the bunt down," added Coleman, "but that pitcher was by far the best we had seen all year. I'll be very honest with you — in nine years of coaching, I don't believe I have seen a better pitcher in all of high-school ball. This girl had 22 strike outs, and most of our girls were happy just to make contact with the ball. Our defense kept us in the game, led by Jennifer Daniel and Michele Scarrow at short and third. These two girls represented Romulus very well in the Nationals, and had an experience, along with the rest of the team, that I don't think any of them will ever forget."

Coleman concluded with, "If any of you see Jennifer Daniel, Michele Scarrow, Andrea Young, or Angie Slawinski, you may want to congratulate them on a great summer season; but, more importantly, you may want to thank them for representing this community so well

across the Midwest and Southeast this year. They gave out 200 Romulus Pride Hats at the Nationals, and now there are people from coast to coast who know where Romulus is. These four girls were tremendous representatives of our city." □

3 RHS Students in Lions Band

by Nancy Pitel

Three Romulus High School Band students were among the 161-member Michigan All-State Lions Marching Band that took first place in competition against seven other all-state bands in Denver, Colorado, on June 29.

Doug Allen (snare drum), Kevin Rushlow (cymbals), and Becky Szente (alto saxophone) auditioned in January against students from 77 high schools, state-wide, to become members of the All-State Band. After rehearsals in April, May, and June in St. Johns, Michigan,

the Band left June 25 via Amtrak for its Colorado tour.

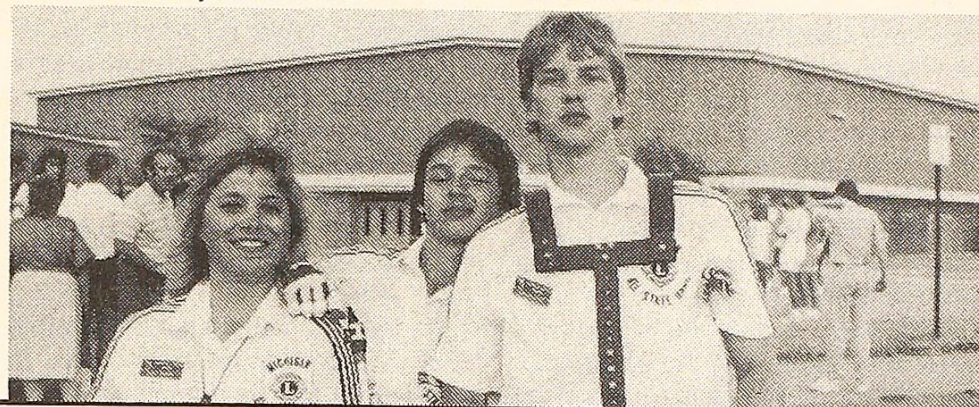
The Band performed at: concerts in Downtown Boulder and at Frazier Meadows Manor, Boulder; a concert in the park in Golden, Colorado; and flag ceremonies at McNichols Stadium, Denver. The band members stayed at the University of Colorado during their seven-day tour.

The highlight of their tour was marching in competition in the Lions International Parade in Denver with 13 other marching bands, seven of which were all-state bands. At the Awards Banquet and Dance on June 30, the Michigan Band was awarded first place for the second year in a row.

Besides concerts, the Band members also had a chance to enjoy Colorado as tourists. They went to a teen dance at the Marriott, spent a day at Highland Hills Water World, took a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park, and had a day of white-water rafting on the Colorado River.

Doug, Kevin, and Becky were asked to re-join the Lions Band in St. Johns, Michigan, on August 13 to march in the annual Mint Festival Parade and Concert in the City Park.

The three Romulus Band members are planning to join the 1989 Lions Band for a tour in Miami, Florida, with two days in Orlando at Disneyworld and EPCOT Center. □



ROMULUS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE — FALL 1988

Varsity Football

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|----------|--------------------------------|-------|------|
| F | Sept. 2 | Taylor Truman (Parents' Night) | Home | 7:30 |
| F | Sept. 9 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Home | 7:30 |
| F | Sept. 16 | Adrian | Home | 7:30 |
| F | Sept. 23 | Bedford | Away | 7:30 |
| F | Sept. 30 | Ypsilanti | Home | 7:30 |
| F | Oct. 7 | Ann Arbor Huron | Away | 7:30 |
| F | Oct. 14 | Milan (Homecoming) | Home | 7:30 |
| F | Oct. 21 | Willow Run | Away | 7:30 |
| F | Oct. 28 | Belleville | Away | 7:30 |

Head Coach: Norbert Glover

Assistant Coaches: Bill Barnes, Jim Carlisle, Glen Free, Duayne Harper, Dan Stearn

Junior Varsity Football

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|----------|-------------------|-------|------|
| Th | Sept. 1 | Taylor Truman | Away | 4:00 |
| Th | Sept. 8 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Away | 7:00 |
| Th | Sept. 15 | Adrian | Away | 7:00 |
| Th | Sept. 22 | Bedford | Home | 7:00 |
| Th | Sept. 29 | Ypsilanti | Away | 7:00 |
| Th | Oct. 6 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 7:00 |
| Th | Oct. 13 | Milan | Away | 7:00 |
| Th | Oct. 20 | Willow Run | Home | 7:00 |
| Th | Oct. 27 | Belleville | Home | 7:00 |

Cross Country

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|----------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Th | Sept. 8 | Wyandotte | Home | 4:00 |
| Tu | Sept. 13 | Ypsilanti | Home | 4:00 |
| Th | Sept. 15 | Garden City | Away | 4:00 |
| Sa | Sept. 17 | Huron Invitational | Away | 10:00 |
| Tu | Sept. 20 | Adrian | Away | 4:00 |
| Th | Sept. 22 | Southgate | Home | 4:00 |
| Tu | Sept. 27 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 4:00 |
| Th | Sept. 29 | Belleville/Ypsilanti-Lincoln | Home | 4:00 |
| Sa | Oct. 1 | Wayne Invitational | Away | TBA |
| Tu | Oct. 4 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Away | 4:00 |
| Tu | Oct. 11 | Taylor Truman/Taylor Center | Away | 4:00 |
| Tu | Oct. 18 | Melvindale | Away | 4:00 |
| Th | Oct. 20 | South Central Conference Meet | Ypsi. | TBA |
| Sa | Oct. 29 | Regionals | TBA | TBA |

Head Coach: Dan Henry

Girls' Basketball

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|----------|----------------------|-------|------|
| Th | Sept. 8 | Romulus Invitational | Home | 3:00 |
| Sa | Sept. 10 | Romulus Invitational | Home | 3:00 |
| Tu | Sept. 13 | Ypsilanti-Lincoln | Away | 5:30 |
| Th | Sept. 15 | Adrian | Away | 5:30 |
| Tu | Sept. 20 | Milan | Away | 5:30 |
| Th | Sept. 22 | Erie-Mason | Home | 5:30 |
| Th | Sept. 29 | Ann Arbor Huron | Home | 5:30 |
| Tu | Oct. 4 | Edsel Ford | Home | 5:30 |
| Th | Oct. 6 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Away | 5:30 |
| Tu | Oct. 11 | Garden City | Home | 5:30 |
| Th | Oct. 13 | Ypsilanti | Home | 5:30 |
| Tu | Oct. 18 | Taylor Baptist Park | Home | 5:30 |
| Th | Oct. 20 | Adrian | Home | 5:30 |
| Tu | Oct. 25 | Belleville | Home | 5:30 |
| F | Oct. 28 | Essex | Away | 4:00 |
| Th | Nov. 3 | Ann Arbor Huron | Away | 5:30 |
| F | Nov. 4 | Essex | Home | 4:00 |
| Tu | Nov. 8 | Ann Arbor Pioneer | Home | 5:30 |
| Th | Nov. 10 | Ypsilanti | Away | 5:30 |
| Tu | Nov. 15 | Highland Park | Away | 4:00 |

Head Coach: Ron Bayes; Assistant Coach: Julie Price

Golf

| DAY | DATE | OPPONENT | PLACE | TIME |
|-----|----------|--|---------|------|
| Tu | Sept. 6 | Ann Arbor Huron (Quint) | Away | 3:45 |
| W | Sept. 7 | Erie-Mason | Away | 4:00 |
| F | Sept. 9 | Garden City | Away | 3:00 |
| M | Sept. 12 | Adrian Maple Invitational | Away | 1:30 |
| Tu | Sept. 13 | Bedford | Away | 3:30 |
| F | Sept. 16 | Gabriel Richard | Away | TBA |
| Tu | Sept. 20 | Ypsilanti (Quint) | Away | 3:45 |
| Th | Sept. 22 | Melvindale/Ypsilanti-Lincoln | Home | 3:30 |
| F | Sept. 23 | Belleville | Away | 2:45 |
| Tu | Sept. 27 | Ann Arbor Pioneer (Quint) | Away | 3:45 |
| Th | Sept. 29 | Romulus (Quint) | Home | 3:45 |
| F | Sept. 30 | Belleville/Wayne (Fellows Creek) | Away | 3:45 |
| M | Oct. 3 | Adrian (Quint) | Away | 3:45 |
| Tu | Oct. 4 | Erie-Mason | Home | 4:00 |
| Th | Oct. 6 | Garden City/John Glenn (Fellows Creek) | Away | 3:00 |
| M | Oct. 10 | South Central Conference Meet | Huron | TBA |
| F | Oct. 14 | Regionals | Bedford | TBA |
| Sa | Oct. 15 | Regionals (Continued) | Bedford | TBA |

Head Coach: Bill Knight

Chief Wins Battle at Little Bighorn

by D. A. Atkins

Charles Wilmoth, Romulus Chief of Police, withstood the attack of two members of City Council at the August 22 Council meeting. Although almost every Councilman had something to say about the Chief and the way the Romulus Police Department is being handled, only two, Pete Bergeron and Jimmie Raspberry, had an axe to grind with him.

The police department is not perfect by any stretch of the imagination, and neither is the Police Chief. On the other hand, neither are the Council members who did or did not attack him. The Mayor is not perfect, the DPW (Department of Public Works) Director is not perfect, the Treasurer is not perfect, the Clerk is not perfect, and, Lord knows, you and I are not perfect. We all try to do our jobs to the very best of our ability, and it is not always done with the approval of others. I can relate to that, just because of this paper. You can probably relate to that because of your kids, husband, or wife.

The problem is that the Chief of Police in this city has taken on a job that was ignored by his predecessor — that of actually *reducing* crime in Romulus. I know, as I have stated before, that we do not have a flawless police department; however, it is better than the service we were getting from the Wayne County Sheriff Department and, in time, we will have one of the better law enforcement agencies in the country. The officers are young and aggressive and, while they certainly do make some mistakes because of a lack of experience, better performance will come with time.

As far as the Chief is concerned, he has been accused of being a traffic-oriented cop; that may or may not be true. Regardless, the one thing I see that seems to be the most important is that the crime rate in our city is on the decline — maybe not as quickly as we all would like, but dropping all the same. Yet the biggest complaint at the Council meeting was over Romulus police cars patrolling the expressway.

Councilman Raspberry cited an attorney general's opinion that expressways are to be patrolled by the Sheriff Department and the Michigan State Police, and added that the opinions of attorney generals are generally accepted by the courts. In fact, however, an attorney general's opinion is just that — an opinion, not a law. Laws have to be passed by our people in Lansing and Washington. When an attorney general's opinion is used pertaining to a particular issue, it is used only as a guide in court cases. An attorney general's opinion may, in some instances, become a law after proper legislation. Those are some of the *facts* concerning attorney generals' opinions and their function.

Councilman Bergeron cited State figures regarding part-one crimes (a part-one crime is a crime committed against a person) and compared them to what the Police Chief had sent to Council and submitted to the papers. He compared statistics on the number of rapes, murders, etc., in our town with those of other cities, and declared that our stats were well below normal. He did not, however, cite the population of those other cities, the number of officers they have on the road (with the exception of Taylor), or the actual fact that crime has been on the decline since Wilmoth has been Police Chief.

Mr. Bergeron and Mr. Raspberry had some valid arguments, but that did not justify the manner in which they attacked the Chief. Their whole argument was based, primarily, on the patrol car we have on I-94 and on the lack of neighborhood patrols. Yet Wilmoth says that the State of Michigan pays the cost of that patrol; besides, if the officers who patrol I-94 weren't out working and being paid by the State, they would still be of no benefit to the City at that time because they wouldn't be at work at all — they'd be at home in bed or on vacation somewhere. The City of Romulus doesn't have the funds to pay for that extra manpower — it is officers that wouldn't be working anyway that per-

form that patrol duty.

As far as neighborhood patrols are concerned, when this paper first started, all I heard was complaints about police not patrolling subdivisions, especially the Meadows subdivision. Since the Chief and the Mayor had a meeting with the residents there, however, I haven't heard any further complaints from that area.

Mr. Bergeron stated that the Windcliff subdivision, in which he lives, is not patrolled enough by the police department. I also live in that subdivision, and I can say that last Saturday, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 2:30 a.m., I personally watched three different patrol cars go through our sub. It is also a fact that, in my area of the Windcliff subdivision, the youth problems have dropped dramatically due to the police patrols.

Bergeron did bring up one valid point that I do agree with: we absolutely do need more detectives in our department. Yet how we would pay for them,

or put them in the Detective Bureau without taking officers off the road, is a mystery.

Mr. Bergeron brought forth several points that could or should be implemented in our police department, but I feel they will all be taken care of in time. After all, you cannot put a man in a position like the Chief's and expect him to clear up, overnight, what it has taken several years to tear apart.

Councilman Ellis Pennington congratulated the Chief on a job well done, even though, in the beginning, he was against the patrols on I-94.

Councilman Randy Gear said that he thought the Chief, as well as the department as a whole, was, "doing one hell of a good job."

The Chief did, in fine fashion, overcome the onslaught of the soldiers bearing arms. If he continues on the same course of action he has begun, he might be able to retake Iwo Jima single-handedly. □

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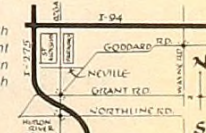
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A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR CLASS

by Mary Clark

News from the AARP

Addressing the continuing high unemployment rate in Southern Wayne County, the Senior Community Service Employment Program, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), is available to assist those persons seeking employment.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program provides work experience for people aged 55 and older with limited financial resources. Clients are placed in nonprofit or public-service Host Agency positions for 20 hours per week to receive on-the-job training. The goal is to bring these people back into the labor force, utilizing their skills and developing new ones for greater employability. The ultimate goal is for clients to obtain employment off the program.

Their office services the entire Southern Wayne County Area. Currently, they have 94 Older Workers in positions such as clerk/typists, day-care aides, bookkeepers, library aides, custodians, drivers, and more. Positions for eligible applicants are available throughout Southern Wayne County.

Those wishing more information may call 281-2470 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located at 15100 Northline Road (Room 155A), Southgate. Call today and enjoy the benefits of working.

Fifty-Five and ALIVE Conference

Insights into the health and personal well-being of older, experienced adults will be offered at the Third Annual Fifty-Five and ALIVE Conference, sponsored by Heritage Hospital. This year's conference will be held on Saturday, September 24, at the Presidential Inn, located at 17201 Northline Road in Southgate.

Featured at this year's conference will be an opening address by Agnes Mary Mansour, Ph.D., former director of the Michigan Department of Social Services. Following the opening session, participants will have a choice of attending three workshops on topics important to older Americans.

Workshop topics include: Discount, or Deception, detailing the differences between genuine discounts and deceptions; Volunteerism; Personal Safety; Sleep Disorders; Traveling Well; Protecting Your Assets; New Treatments of Vision Disorders; Mind Over Matter, dealing with depression; and Over-the-Counter Medications.

A final, general session will feature guest speaker Louise Churches, offering lively and humorous views on growing older. Interpreters for the hearing-impaired will be available at all of the sessions.

The \$7 registration fee for the con-

ference includes a hot lunch, information packet, three workshops, the general session, and a resource center. Advanced registration is necessary, and can be made by calling 295-5028 between the hours of 1 and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We're pleased to once again offer Fifty-Five and ALIVE," said H. Arthur Sugarman, administrator of Heritage Hospital. "In past years, people have come away from the conference with insights into ways to remain healthy and productive. It's a day of good food, practical advice, and frank answers to questions people have about aging. We'd like to invite anyone interested in their future to attend Fifty-Five and ALIVE."

Discover Good Health screenings

People 60 years of age or older can receive free health tests at the Discover Good Health screening on Wednesday, September 14, at the William D. Ford Senior Activity Center, 6750 Troy, in Taylor. Discover Good Health screenings are sponsored by Peoples Community Hospital Authority, with the site staffed by personnel from Heritage Hospital.

To avoid the possibility of waiting in long lines, Discover Good Health screenings are done on an appointment basis. To schedule an appointment, call 467-4638.

The full screening includes vision, glaucoma, cataract, hearing and blood-chemistry tests, blood pressure check, lung check, breast exam, TB skin test, oral exam, health information and counseling, and a take-home bowel cancer screening kit. In addition, flu vaccinations will be offered.

While some results are available at the test site, the full screening results will be mailed to the person about two weeks after the screening. Copies of the test results can also be made available to the person's physician.

In the event that test results fall outside of normal ranges and the person does not have a personal physician, referrals can be made to the appropriate health organizations.

News from the Senior Center

On August 10, some of our Romulus Seniors journeyed to Trenton to participate in the Annual Downriver Senior Olympics. We were very proud of our seniors: Floyd Collins, Joe and Helen Constante, Margaret Maciejewski, Ann Rakotz, Dave and Mabel Ries, Mary Sprau, and LaVern Warden. The highlight of the Olympics occurred when Dave Ries won a *gold medal* in the Men's Age 70-79 group, with an average of 176! We hope this will encourage other seniors to become involved in the Olympics next year.

On Thursday, September 1, the sign-

up sheets for the month's day-trips will be put out at the Center. We take seniors on a first-come basis. Please remember that you must pay for these day-trips when you sign up in order to reserve your seat.

There are a few seats available for the Agawa Canyon & Mackinaw Island trip leaving September 18 for three days and two nights. The cost for this tour is \$245. Please call Marilyn at 942-6852 for more details.

A new one-day tour is being offered at the Center — the Dow Factory Tour. We will be leaving at 7 a.m. on October 13 for a narrated bus-tour of the Dow Chemical Plant, including a surprise

demonstration in route. There will be a strip-steak luncheon at the Hickory House, and a tour of the Japanese Cultural Center, complete with a tea ceremony. The price is \$29.50.

The Senior Center begins all recreational activities the week of September 12. The activities include Ceramics and Knitting and Crocheting on Mondays, Club #1 meetings on Tuesdays, Bingo on Wednesdays, and Quilting, Needlepoint, and a new Senior Exercise Class on Thursdays. Also, don't forget the monthly potluck dinners and the Friday day-trips. Call the Center for more information. □

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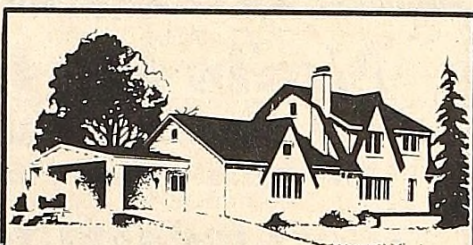
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Bills Would Authorize Forfeiture of Real Estate in Drug Convictions

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New Laws Will Implement State-wide Computer Fingerprint System

A House bill recently signed into law makes special fingerprint-reading computer terminals available to State and local police. The terminals can: search a fingerprint file database very quickly and select fingerprints of known criminals that may match partial prints at the scene of the crime; determine the 'odds' that a certain known criminal could have left the prints; identify likely suspects using an alias; and let local police access State police fingerprint files to determine if a suspect may be wanted on other charges.

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Don't Forget

The Romulus Arts Council still has spaces left for anyone interested in participating in the 5th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair, which will be held Saturday, September 17, on the grassy area around the Romulus Public Library.

Reasonable spaces are \$10. For an application, call Gloria Chandler at 941-2678. □

RHS Reunion

The Romulus High School Alumni Association invites the Classes of 1916 through 1949 to a school reunion to be held Saturday, September 24, 1988, at the VFW Hall located at 1055 South Wayne Road in Westland (between Michigan Avenue and Cherry Hill).

The cost will be \$15 per person. Social Hour begins at 6:30 p.m. and the Buffet Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. Contact a member of your class or Helen Hay, Chairperson, at 941-0728 *no later than September 1, 1988. No tickets will be sold at the door.* Tickets will be mailed to you as soon as your order is received. □

Gear Chosen as Alternate

Delegates and their alternates were chosen to represent Michigan's 15th Congressional District on Saturday, August 20, at the Democratic Convention in Taylor, and Romulus City Councilman Randy Gear was elected as the Male Alternate to the Credentials Committee, representing Wayne County at the State Democratic Convention to be held this Saturday, August 27, at Cobo Hall. There are 18 Congressional Districts in our state.

The job of the Credentials Committee is to hear and review all challenges on the seating of delegates, and to resolve these problems before they can appear on the Convention floor.

In 1986, Randy served as Delegate of the Credentials Committee. □



What Is a Gavel?

by D. A. Atkins

A gavel is a strange-looking piece of wood. It has a short, round handle, and a head on it that resembles a hammer without the claw.

A gavel is used mainly in meetings. When it is used properly, it calls meetings to attention, maintains order, and gets people's notice. Judges use them, corporate heads use them; in fact, they are used by many people, but sometimes not as often as they should be.

The gavel at our City Hall is slowly gathering moss, and will probably retire at an early age with little wear and tear. That's because City Council meetings, public hearings, and the like are not handled as well nor as quickly as they might be if the gavel was used for its intended purpose.

I have to say that I have a great deal of respect for Mary Ann Banks, and I feel she is the best Mayor Pro Tem this city could possibly have. She is very knowledgeable and astute, and an all-around good person. Sometimes, people take advantage of her goodness, and she lets them. Whether it is a fear

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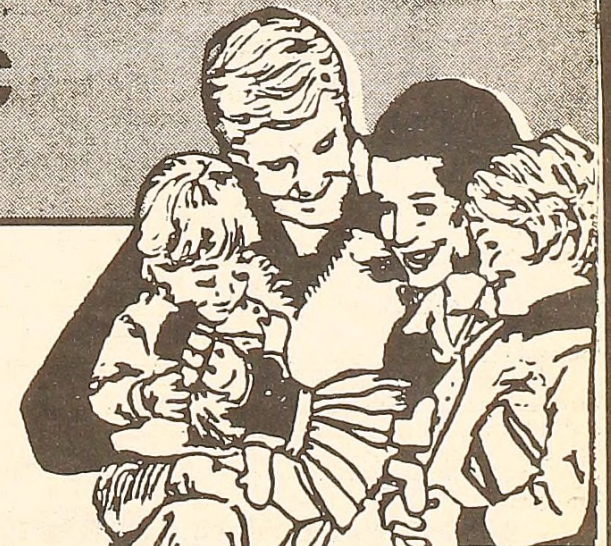
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ARTICLE III. DOGS

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4-61. Public nuisance.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, care for, or maintain a dog in such a manner as to be a public nuisance.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.04)

Cross reference — Nuisances generally, Ch. 19.

Sec. 4-62. Dog at large.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping any dog to allow, suffer or permit such dog to run at large within the corporate limits of the city. However, any dog on a leash or engaged in lawful training which is accompanied by the owner or keeper thereof and under reasonable control shall not be deemed to be running at large.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.04(a))

Cross reference — Streets, sidewalks and other public places, Ch. 32.

Sec. 4-63. Barking dog.

No person shall harbor or keep any dog which by loud or frequent barking, yelping or howling shall cause serious noise to any of the residents of the surrounding neighborhood.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.04(b))

Sec. 4-64. Dangerous dog.

No person shall keep or harbor a dog within the city which is known to kill, worry or injure livestock; to habitually and repeatedly chase vehicles, to habitually and repeatedly chase, snap, attack or bark at pedestrians on the public streets or walkways; to turn over garbage pails or damage gardens, flowers or vegetables, or to generally conduct itself in such a manner as to interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of property owned by others.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.04(c))

Sec. 4-65. Unsanitary kennel and pen.

No person shall permit or operate a kennel and pen so as to cause discomfort and annoyance to nearby residents, and to interfere with the reasonable use and enjoyment of their property by reason of noise, stench and unsanitary conditions.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.04(d))

Sec. 4-66. Vicious and rabid dogs.

(a) It shall be the duty of every person or owner harboring a dog which has been attacked or bitten by another dog or animal showing symptoms of being rabid to immediately notify the city poundmaster or any city officer or employee charged with the duty or responsibility of enforcement of this chapter that they have such a dog in their possession.

(b) Any person who shall have in his possession a dog which is rabid, a dog which has been bitten by or has been fighting with a dog or other animal which is rabid, a dog which is suspected of being rabid or a dog which shall have bitten any person shall, upon

demand of the city poundmaster, or any officer or employee of the city charged with the duty or responsibility of enforcement of this chapter, produce and surrender the dog to the city poundmaster to be held for observation and treatment. Upon approval of the city poundmaster, any such dog may be surrendered to a duly licensed veterinarian selected by the owner or, if he so desires, to any nonprofit organization for the purpose of sheltering dogs.

(c) Whenever any rabid dog or suspected rabid dog is held, as provided in this division, for a period of ten (10) days, and has not recovered from the disease, the city poundmaster shall cause to be issued a written order directing that such dog shall be destroyed.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.05)

State law references — Dogs attacking or biting persons, MCL 287.286a, 287.288, 287.351, MSA 12.537, 12.539, 12.544; rules for control of rabies and the disposition of nonhuman agents carrying disease, including rabid animals, MCL 333.5111, MSA 14.15(5111).

Sec. 4-67. Owner's liability.

A person shall be liable for damages and any injuries to persons or property that may be caused by any dog owned by him. Such damages may be determined and collected in appropriate civil proceedings therefor, in which proceedings proof of the failure or refusal by the owner to comply with the provisions of this chapter shall constitute prima facie evidence of negligence on the part of the owner. The owner, or person responsible for the animal or pet, shall be liable.

(Ord. of 9-2-75(1), § 7.11) □

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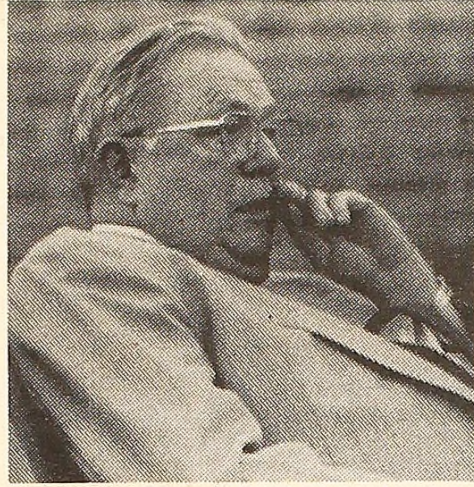
by D. A. Atkins

Another eleventh-hour assault on the City Council by local developer Wendell Flynn was fraught with "ifs, ifs, and ifs." I listened for exactly one hour and forty-three minutes as Flynn demanded action at the August 22 meeting of the City Council.

Mr. Flynn has this beautiful conception of a series of buildings that he wants to construct, and they really are beautiful. There are, however, several problems.

The first problem is that, if he builds his project on the site he has proposed, there will be only one way in and out of the area. That is a problem because of the railroad and storage tanks in the immediate vicinity. In the event that the project is completed as proposed, and then some disaster occurs (like that of Flight 255, an exploded tank, or an overturned train that had been carrying toxic chemicals), there could be many, maybe even hundreds, of fatalities because it would be difficult for emergency vehicles to enter and leave the site.

Because of this potential problem, the City has said there must be an alternative route that provides access to the complex. Mr. Flynn, however, says that he would have a hard time providing such a route because of the scarcity of property to purchase in that area.



Wendell Flynn

According to the Mayor and Community Development Director Dennis Oakes, there is, in fact, sufficient property to be had — if only Mr. Flynn would pay the price for it. What Mr. Flynn really wants is for the City to condemn property, in the area where he wants to build, to use for the alternative route.

The other problem is that Mr. Flynn wants the City to fund at least one-and-a-half-million dollars of the cost of the roads, water, sewer, and storm drain for his project through LDFA (Local Development Finance Authority), a program similar to TIFA (Tax Increment Finance Authority). TIFAs, according to Matthew Raftary, Director of Assessments, allow a local government to finance pub-

lic improvements in a designated area by capturing the property tax levied on any increase of property values within that area.

Mayor McAnally, however, says the fact that Flynn has not yet billed the City for a reimbursement on the development costs from his last project, which was on a site designated as a TIFA area, indicates to her that he doesn't really need any funding program to help him finance his project.

During the entire hour and 43 minutes of the meeting, there were, as is usual with Flynn, comments made that were rather antagonistic, harassing, and (to say the least) very uncomplimentary toward the Mayor.

Flynn continually stated that *if* the first building was a success, he would build the rest of the project. *If* the funding was given to him he would be able to pay it off in three years *if* the whole project was a success. *If* it was not a total success it would take about 12 years to repay the money. *If* the City would condemn the property so he could get the other route out of the complex built it would make the project go much faster. *If, if, IF!* It is probably the largest word in the dictionary because of what the meaning entails.

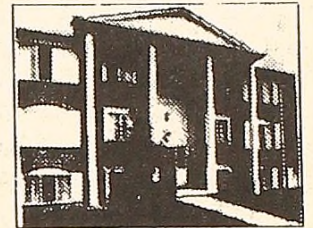
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of hurting someone's feelings or for some other reason, she absolutely does not put her gavel to use often enough.

There have been many times during public hearings that the gavel should have been used to bring the person or persons speaking to order; that is what it is for. But it has not, and is not, being done.

It's not just residents at these meetings that get out of control; sometimes Council members need to be brought to order as well. Perhaps it is out of respect to her fellow Councilmen that she allows one or two Council members to dominate the discussions, but by not using her gavel when these instances occur, she deprives the rest of the Council members of the opportunity to voice their concerns, and does both them and the public a disservice.

I sometimes get the feeling that Mrs. Banks may be afraid of being ridiculed if she uses this particular power given her by her office. Making sure that meetings are run in a fair and orderly manner is an absolute necessity, and could not possibly be construed as acting in an offensive manner.

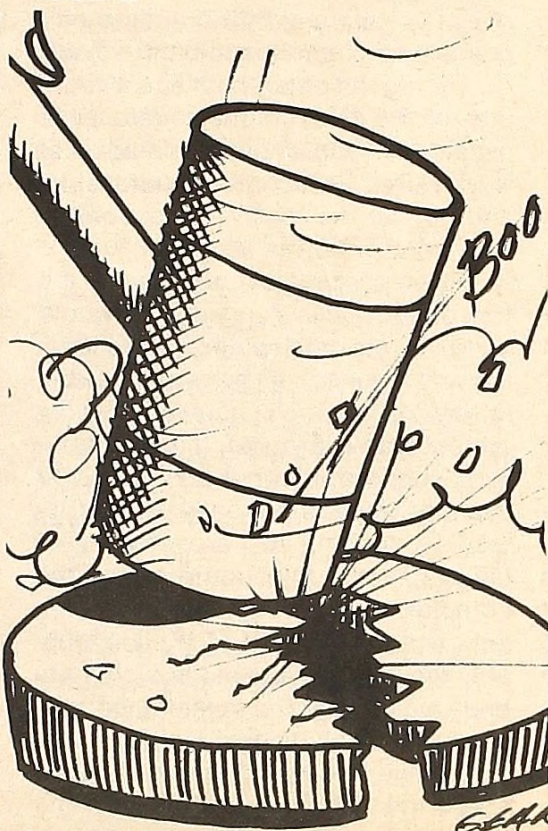
Mrs. Banks has been elected to her position of Mayor Pro Tem time after time, no contest; that should tell you something. She should take pride in that, and use her position and her authority — it is widely accepted that she would use it wisely.

Mrs. Banks has an obligation to

keep order and not let things get out of hand, and the use of the gavel is one sure way of doing it. If and when people do not want to accept the use of the gavel, she has the authority to have the Sergeant at Arms remove the offensive party or parties.

I feel that, if the gavel were used more often, City Council meetings might be shorter, less complicated, and more orderly. I respect both Mrs. Banks and her authority; now, if she would only use it.

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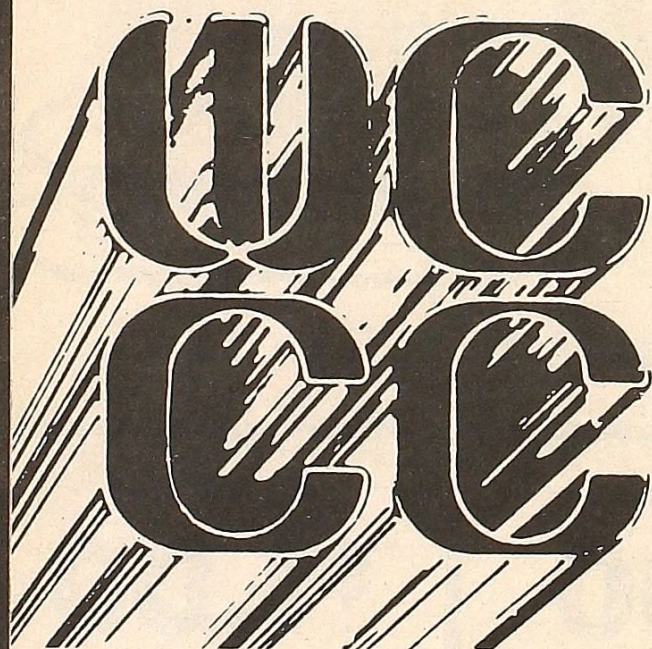
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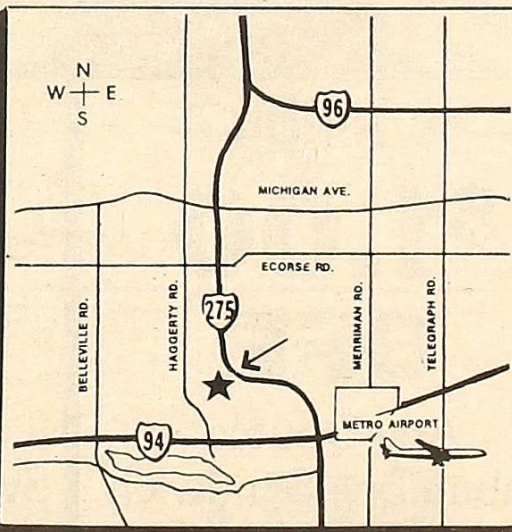
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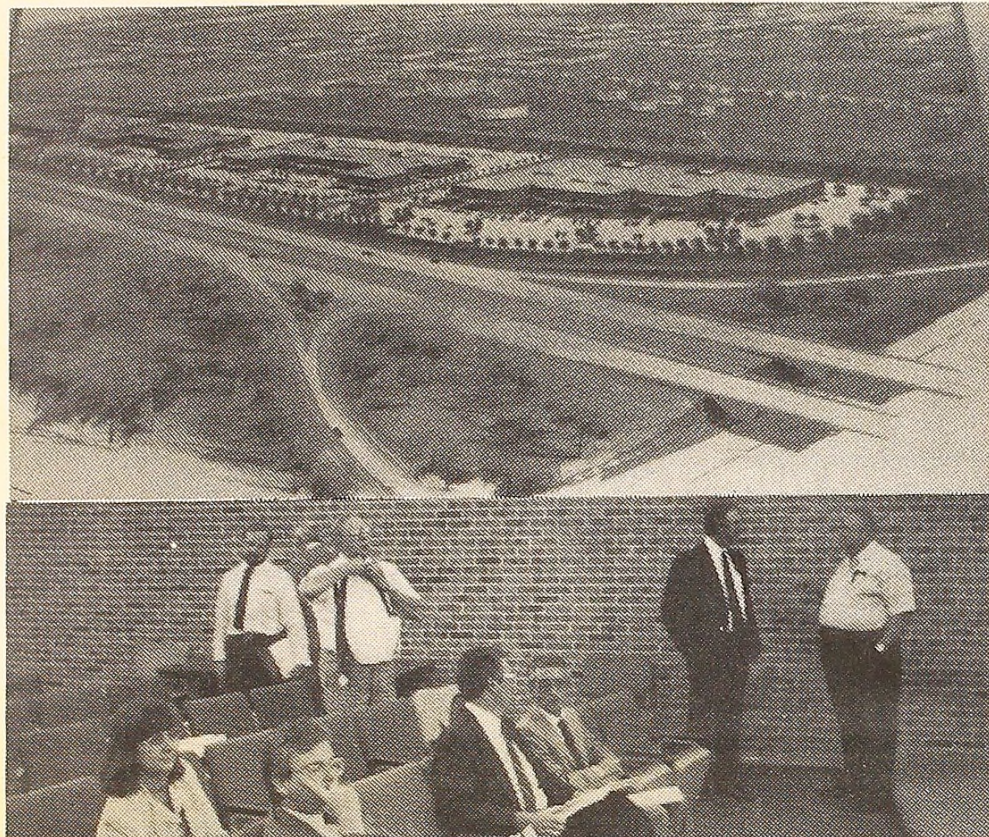
With the money Mr. Flynn supposedly has, there really should be no reason why the City should fund any of the project. *If* Flynn is as wealthy as is believed, one-and-a-half-million dollars is a drop in the bucket to him; however, how many people who have septic tanks now could be provided with a sewer system with same amount of money?

How many more street lights could be installed with it?

And *if* Mr. Flynn is awarded the money he wants, and *if* the first building does not become successful, will he finish the project and pay back the money? *If* he is awarded the money and the economy goes to the dogs, how will we retrieve that lost sum of money?

If I hadn't written this article, you probably would not have known anything about it.

Stay tuned, folks, for details to come. □



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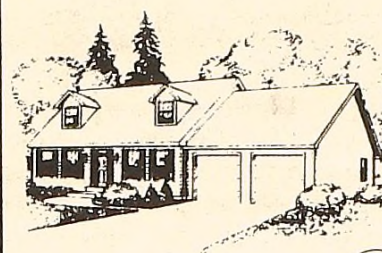
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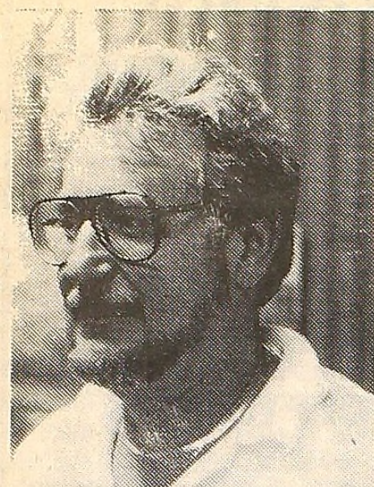
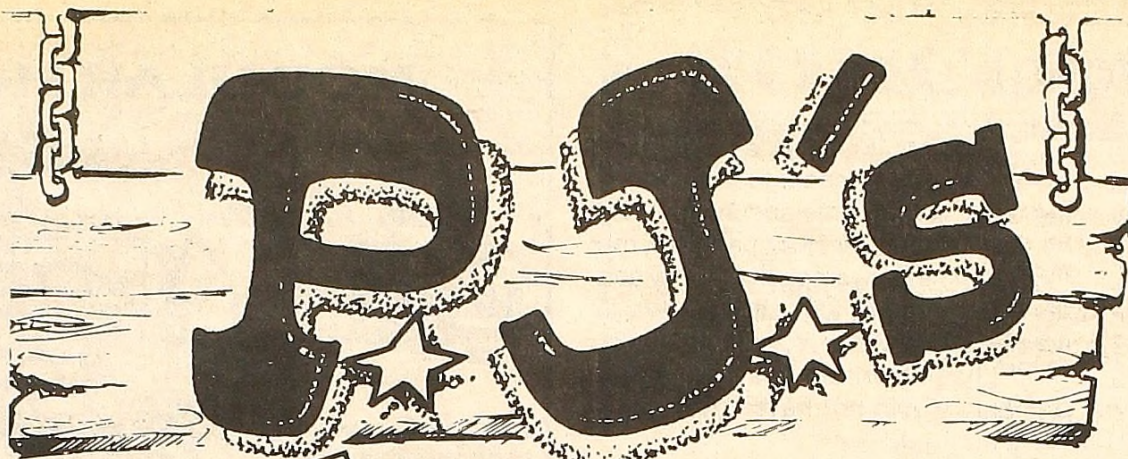
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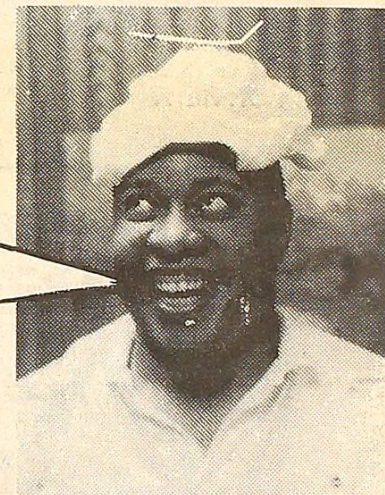
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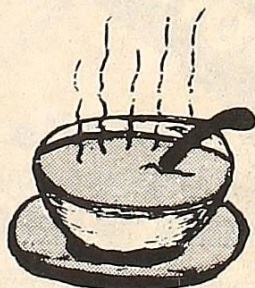
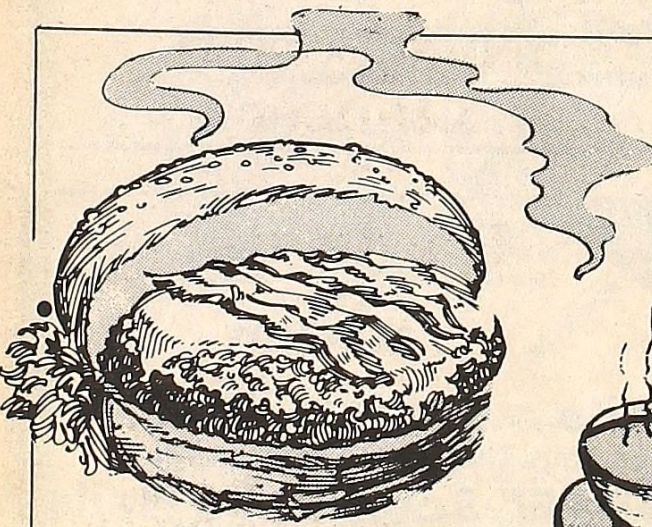


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